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This study was conducted by investigators who were interested in determining whether parental smoking influenced the incidence of middle ear problems in children. Children in the Kansas school system identified as having middle ear problems were compared with children who passed their school's hearing test. The researchers report that the investigation revealed that there were no differences between the two groups of children for the presence of smoking, the amount and type of smoking, and the number of smokers in the home. Therefore, they concluded that "exposure to cigarette smoke in the home apparently was not a risk factor for middle ear problems in children.

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